

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND URBAN POLICY**

**Wednesday, October 12, 2005**

**2:40 p.m.**

**Room 307, House Office Building**

**Chair Stakoe** called the Standing Committee on Local Government and Urban Policy to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Tobocman, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi (10/11)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Rep. Van Regenmorter (1/11)

**Representative Nitz**, supported by **Representative Schuitmaker**, moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on **September 14, 2005**. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

**Chair Stakoe** laid **House Bill 5257** before the committee.

HB 5257	Ball	Townships; employees and officers; bookkeeping methods for township treasurer; modify.
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**Representative Ball** explained the intent of the bill and answered questions.

**Bill Anderson**, representing the Michigan Townships Association, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

**Representative Robertson**, supported by **Representative Accavitti**, moved to report **House Bill 5257** with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Tobocman, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi (10/11)

**NAYS:** None (0/11)

**PASS:** None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** laid **Senate Bill 461** before the committee.

SB 461	Bishop	Local government; other; appointment procedure for emergency financial manager of a municipality; revise.
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**Matt Miner**, from the Office of Senator Bishop, explained the intent of the bill and answered questions.

**Representative McConico** testified in **opposition** to the bill and answered questions.

**Matt Miner** returned to answer additional questions.

**Frederick Headen**, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified in **opposition** to the bill and answered questions.

The **Chair** announced that the committee would go at ease, the time being **3:40 p.m.**

**Chair Stakoe** called the meeting to order, the time being **3:52 p.m.**

**Representative Nitz**, supported by **Representative Tobocman**, moved to adopt the following amendment to **Senate Bill 461**:

1. Amend page 1, line 7, after “**141.942.**” by striking out “The” and inserting “**WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE THAT A FINANCIAL EMERGENCY IS DETERMINED, THE**”.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Tobocman, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi (10/11)

**NAYS:** None (0/11)

**PASS:** None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Representative Robertson**, supported by **Representative Elsenheimer**, moved to adopt the following amendment to **Senate Bill 461**:

1. Amend page 2, line 16, after “appointed.” by striking out the balance of the line through “**GOVERNOR.**” on line 18.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker (6/11)

**NAYS:** Reps. Tobocman, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi (4/11)

**PASS:** None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Representative Robertson**, supported by **Representative Nitz**, moved to report **Senate Bill 461**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker (6/11)

**NAYS:** Reps. Tobocman, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi (4/11)

**PASS:** None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Representative Tobocman**, supported by **Representative Accavitti**, moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Stakoe** excused **Representative Van Regenmorter**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **4:10 p.m.**

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**Representative John Stakoe, Chair**

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk  
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